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Dear [Redacted]

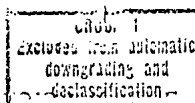
It was a real pleasure for [Redacted] and me to have met with you, [Redacted]. We appreciated the forthright and constructive way in which you and your associates described the problem you confront. I trust you found us equally constructive in response.

This is to advise you that we will declassify the fact that a direct contractual arrangement exists. We do, however, ask to review with you, for security reasons, the text of any written reference to this contract prior to any publication of such reference. This procedure should alleviate your problem and will, of course, permit the University to confirm existence of the contract in event of inquiry.

In such event, we would propose a response by the University along the following lines:

"We do have a contract with the Agency for technical research, and this contract was accepted by [Redacted] in accordance with normal contract procedures. It is for technical research only. Details pertaining to the research and its applications are classified and cannot be revealed. The contract is compatible in all respects with the standards and the academic program of the University, and its scope is within our technical capabilities."

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We hope that these arrangements will stand the test of inquiry and that the University, in responding to inquiry, will do what it can to affirm the importance -- in the national interest -- of the relationship between the University and the Agency in the research field.

We assume that what this letter proposes is acceptable to you, and we will proceed to revise contract arrangements accordingly unless you have some objection.

Thanks again. Best regards to you,

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Sincerely,

/s/

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